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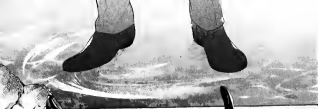


Chapter 2
Visitor from the Rain

神解きの レジスト

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THE
GOLDEN
KEY
TO
THE
MIND



KYOTO'S
WATERS
REALLY ARE
FREEZING.





ARE YOUR
WOUNDS
OKAY?

AAH,
I'M FINE.

THE INJURES
GENERALLY
WEREN'T
ANYTHING BIG
AND MY FACE
IS JUST
GRAZED.



DON'T
MAKE THAT
FACE, JIM.

Even's
injuries
are my
fault.



REALLY?

THAT'S
GREAT.

Slap

THESE
INJURIES
AREN'T
ANYTHING.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS BEEN
TOO WORRIED
ABOUT
PEOPLE.

UGH

BUT
HONESTLY,
YOU HAVE
SUCH GOOD
LUCK.

ouch,
Ryou.

what?

YOU DON'T
HAVE A
SINGLE INJURY
FROM THAT
EXPLOSION.

throb
throb

He was hit
by the
attack of
a Youki
aiming for
me.

That's
right.

Show
me your
notes—
Mama?



on earth
is that—

Why.

I was also
caught in the
explosion but I
don't have a
single wound.



BUT
ALSO YOUR
FRIEND WAS
SAFE,
WOULDN'T THAT
BE GREAT?

AT ANY
RATE, IF
NOT JUST
YOU,

WHAT!?

YOU
DON'T?



YOU'RE
ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT
PROTECTING
YOURSELF.

WHILE YOU'RE
SHOOTING
YOUR MOUTH
SAYING "I
DON'T WANT
INNOCENT
PEOPLE
INVOLVED",

AAH?



IT'S
FINE IF
YOU DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

Damn it,
this sucks!

PULL

CRACKLE

YOU CAN'T
REMOVE
THAT.

CRACKLE

UNTIL
THEN...

YOU'RE
MINE.

I TOLD
YOU,

THAT'S A
HEUTOU THAT
THE LAST
JINOSHI
MADE, YOU
CAN'T TAKE IT
OFF UNTIL THE
TIME COMES.

Kya-





YOU CAN'T
USE A SINGLE
JUTSU, SO IT'S
POINTLESS FOR
YOU TO BE THE
JINKISHI.

IF YOU
WANT IT TO
STOP, THEN
JUST HAND
OVER THE
RIGHT TO BE
JINKISHI.

**STOP
SAYING
WEIRD
THINGS!**

SO YOU'LL
BE THE
JINKISHI?

...YOU?

I can't let
this guy
get to me.

YOU CAN'T
PROTECT
ANYTHING.

THE
YOUNG
WON'T WAIT.
THEY'LL
KEEP AWAIT
AT YOU.

WE'LL
HURRY UP
AND MAKE A
DECISION.

stomach



Stare

I UNDER-
STAND THAT
EVEN IF YOU
DON'T SAY
ANYTHING!



?



My
imagination!

Scratch
scratch



Is something
looking at me?



WHO'S AN AMATEUR?

MAD...



TO THAT SHINJUL-
LESS
AMATEUR.

MURRAY

HINOTO,
DON'T PAY ANY
ATTENTION.



HEURE?

!!!



THIS
SENSATION
THERE ARE
YOUR
NEARBY.



SO YOUR
NOSE DOES
WORK.



...RIGHT
NOW.

I'M SENSING
SOMETHING
STRANGE...



PASS

AH.

EXCUSE
ME.



YOUNG
LADY.

YOUNG
LADY??

DO YOU KNOW
A BOY WITH
THE NAME
SHIROUCHI?

WELL, I
HAVEN'T
HEARD OF
IT.





I REMEMBER THE SCENT OF THIS WIND.

SMILE

I'VE MADE MY MOVE.

WHY DON'T YOU STRUGGLE A LITTLE FOR ME?

I'm sure that
my father
was a top class jutsu-
user as the
Jinkishi..

REALISE
JUST WHAT
YOUR FATHER
WAS PROTEC-
TING THE
SHIMOLDOLI
HOUSE FROM.

But there were
still a lot of
things he
couldn't do.



The
street's
covered
in black
shadows-

The youki
are all
crawling out
now that
the
Jinkishi's
dead.



WE'RE
GOING TO
GO SEE
SANJOU,
YOU COME
TOO.

JIN!



What
is the
Jinkishi?

Someone
who seals
youki? Who
protects
humans...?

If he stays close to me
he'll get involved.

But...

I don't
have the
power to
seal you'd.

I SEE--

THAT'S
LONELY...
WELL IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED.

AAH...

I HAVE MY
JOB AT THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE NOW.

THEN
SEE YOU
TOMORROW.

...Kyou.

Is it
better-

To hand
over the
qualifications
to him...?



If I
do that-

No one will
be hurt-



No.

A SINGLE
LIFE IS INSIGNIFI-
CANT.

That guy won't
protect any-
thing-





CLATTER
CLATTER

SOMEHOW.

JIN DIDN'T
SEEM
THAT
GREAT
TODAY.

GOOD,
VERY
INTERES-
TING.

I WONDER
IF HE'LL
SHOW
ME HOW
POWERFUL
HE IS.



THEY DIDN'T
EVEN LET HIM
PLAY WITH
OTHER KIDS,
SO HE'S
ALWAYS BEEN
ALONE.

WHAT
KIND OF
FAMILY IS
THAT?

SINCE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL EVEN
THOUGH
HIS FAMILY IS
REALLY
STRICT.

YEAH,

YOU'RE
ALWAYS TALK-
ING ABOUT
KATASE-KUN.
HAVE YOU BEEN
FRIENDS FOR A
LONG TIME?

I'm a bit
wounded.

Well,
even when I had to
have every day be a bit
algebra and distracted.

...

BUT,

I WANT TO
BE FRIENDS
WITH YOU
TOO, SUGA.

YEAH,
I TOO.

THINK IT
WOULD BE
GOOD TO BE
FRIENDLY WITH
SOMEONE SO
IMPORTANT TO
KATASE-KUN.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
BY THAT?

?

BECAUSE
HANGING
WITH OTHERS
A LOT MORE
FUN THAN
BEING
ALONE?

HE TRIED TO
AVOID MAKING
FRIENDS TOO
BUT I FORCED
HIM TO BE MY
FRIEND.

SUGA...?

WELL...

I WONDER
WHAT I
MEANT?

TAP TAP TAP

APPEARS

SHUT UP!
I WASN'T!

HEY YOU!
YOU FOLLOW-
ING ME
AGAIN?

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
GOING TO
MAKE ME
JINKISH.

HHHHL

YOU'RE AN
EYESORE. GO
AWAY!

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

IF I
FOLLOW
YOU, I'LL
ENCOUNTER
YOU.

IT'S
HARD TO
GET SUCH A
PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY.

TH...



HE'S NOT A CAT. WHATO IS A DYING BEAST THAT MANIPULATES FIRE.



WHY DO YOU HAVE A CAT RIDING ON YOUR SHOULDER?!



HEY.

IT'S GOING TO RAIN. LET'S GO FIND SHELTER.

GRAB



HE HATES WATER-LET'S FIND THAT YOUNK! QUICKLY.



THAT YOUNK...?

WOOSH



YOUNK! DISAPPEAR INTO DARKNESS AND HUMANES.



IF YOU DON'T REALISE THAT SOON YOUR PRECIOUS FRIEND WILL DIE.



DID YOU KEEP QUIET ABOUT THAT GUY BEING A YOUNK?!





WHO THE
HELL ARE
YOU?

GET
LOST.



I'M SORRY,
BUT COULD
YOU NOT
GET IN THE
WAY?



THERE ARE
QUITE A LOT
OF HOT-
BLOODED
PEOPLE
HERE.





THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
SEE.

BUT,

I DON'T
HAVE MUCH
TIME.

JIAO

JIAO

RYOUI!

GUACH...

I WANT TO
PLAY WITH
YOU, SO I
NEEDED THIS
HUMAN ...

BUT HE'S
SERVED HIS
USE SO I
MIGHT AS
WELL JUST
KILL HIM.

WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DO WITH
RYOUI?

I'M A
TENJU
FROM
KURAMA,
SAME AS
KUROLL

MY
NAME IS
DAL

DON'T
JOKE
AROUND!

WHAT
ARE YOU?

KUROLL...?

DIDN'T
HE PLAY
WITH YOU
YESTER-
DAY?

HE'S OUR
HEAD

WELL,

IT WASN'T
INTERESTING
AT ALL

That guy
from yesterday?





OF COURSE
I HOPE
YOU'LL
KEEP ME
COMPANY-

WE'VE
FINALLY
GOTTEN OUT,
CAN'T WE
HAVE A
LITTLE
FUN?

OKAY!?



People-12



What
was that...

The
wind...?

IT'S
NOT WHAT,
IT'S NAGI.



THE
ORDINARY
PEOPLE,

WERE
PROTECTED-?



HAHA?

WHAT THE HELL,
WHAT HAD-
PENED?



WHAT THE HELL,
WHAT HAD-
PENED?



I SUPPOSE
YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT
KIND OF
SHINJUU I
AM.

I'VE SUP-
PORTED
GENERATIONS OF
SHINJOUU
FAMILY
JINKISHIS.

EVEN
THOUGH I
FINALLY
GOT TO
COME
OUT,

IT'S NOT
EVEN IN MY
ORIGINAL
FORM, TOO
BAD.

SH?





This is
what I came
to see.

He's
summoned
his Shinjoo.

It's
small
you said.

HEY,

YOU...

YOU
SAID
NAST?

CAN YOU
LEND ME
YOUR
POWER?

I WANT
TO SAVE
RYOU.



YOU WANT
TO SAVE
HUMANS,
NOT HUNT
YOUR?

...

YOU SAY
STRANGE
THINGS.

I DON'T
KNOW THE
FIRST THING
ABOUT
THIS.

TO BE
HONEST I
DON'T EVEN
KNOW IF I
CAN DO ANY-
THING.



GATHER YOUR
THOUGHTS
AND FOCUS
YOUR NERVES
ON ONE POINT.

...

SHOULDOU
ALWAYS
USSE 'WIND'.

BUT
I WANT TO
PROTECT
YOU.

IF YOU DO
THAT YOU'LL
DRAW OUT
MY POWER.

YOU'RE
NOT EX-
CEPTION.

I thought I'd
just see for
myself what
was happening
here for a
bit...

But he's an
extremely...
interesting
person.

FL



Protect-

Acacia

NOW NOW,
DON'T BE
BOORISH.

ARE YOU-

PERHAPS...





I'll
protect
Ryou.

...ally
of the
heavens

Split
the sky.

...NAGI!!



GALE!!

GEH

FALL

Scip

My
Strength-

MY
NAME
IS,

NAKIRI
TAKUMI.

A
TAKISHI
FROM
ASHU...

Glow

*Pour down the
healing rain.*

*Be
grateful
to all
things.*

Natsu.

SHAAAAA...

**SPRING
RAIN.**

